

What is Claimed is:

1. A contents distribution system comprising a requesting device for making a request for distribution of the contents, and a providing device for providing the contents in accordance with said request from said requesting device, characterized in that;

said requesting device reads the conditional information from the recording medium storing said conditional information for choosing the contents;

said read conditional information is sent directly or indirectly to said providing device; and

said providing device chooses and specifies the contents in accordance with said sent conditional information to prepare said requesting device to download the contents.

2. The contents distribution system according to claim 1, characterized in that if said requesting device makes a request, said specified contents are sent from said contents providing device to said requesting device.

3. The contents distribution system according to claim 1, characterized in that said providing device sends said specified contents to said requesting device.

4. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said conditional

information has been stored when said recording medium is purchased.

5. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said conditional information is stored directly in said recording medium by the user.

6. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the acquisition information for acquiring said specified contents is stored in said recording medium.

7. The contents distribution system according to claim 6, characterized in that said acquisition information is sent from said providing device.

8. The contents distribution system according to claim 7 or 8, characterized in that said acquisition information is the information containing at least one of the billing information of said specified contents, the privilege term information that is the time limit till which said specified contents can be downloaded, and the location information indicating the location at which said specified contents are stored.

9. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that when the same conditional information is sent multiple times from said

requesting device, said providing device selects and specifies only the contents different from the previously specified contents.

10. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that said providing device is capable to interpret said conditional information.

11. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that said recording medium is detachably mounted on said requesting device.

12. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that said recording medium is incorporated into said requesting device.

13. A requesting device for making a request for distribution of the contents, comprising:

reading means of reading the conditional information from the recording medium storing said conditional information for choosing the contents; and

sending means of sending said read conditional information directly or indirectly to said providing device for providing the contents;

characterized in that said contents providing device chooses and specifies the contents in accordance with said sent conditional information to prepare said requesting device to download the contents.

14. A providing device for providing the contents,
comprising:

specifying means of choosing and specifying the contents
in accordance with the conditional information sent from a
requesting device, having reading means of reading the
conditional information from the recording medium storing
said conditional information for choosing the contents, and
sending means of sending said read conditional information
directly or indirectly to said providing device; and

preparing means of preparing said requesting device to
download the specified contents.

15. A recording medium storing the conditional information
for selecting the contents, wherein

said conditional information is read by a requesting
device for making a request for distribution of the contents;

said read conditional information is sent directly or
indirectly to a providing device for providing the contents;
and

said providing device chooses and specifies the contents
in accordance with said sent conditional information to
prepare said requesting device to download the contents.

16. A medium holding a program and/or the data with which
the computer can perform part or all of the functions for
said contents distribution system, said requesting device

and said providing device according to any one of claims 1 to 15, characterized in that said medium can be handled on the computer.

17. An information aggregate which is a program and/or the data with which the computer can perform part or all of the functions for said contents distribution system, said requesting device and said providing device according to any one of claims 1 to 15.